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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing by the Director of the CIA Subcommittee of
House Armed Services Committee - 16 August 1967

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1. The Director, accompanied by and met with the CIA Subcommittee of House Armed Services Committee. The meeting commenced at eleven o'clock and ran until noon. Present from the Subcommittee were:

L. Mendel Rivers
F. Edward Hebert
Melvin Price
O. C. Fisher
Porter Hardy, Jr.
Charles E. Bennett
William H. Bates
Leslie C. Arends
William G. Bray
Charles A. Halleck

Russ Blandford and Phil Kelleher from the staff were also present. Prior to the briefing there was a sweep of the room and there was monitoring during the hearing. No transcript was taken.

2. The Director briefed on the Congo following the attached briefing. None of the other items were covered. There were numerous questions with both Mr. Helms and Mr. providing answers. The
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concern of the Subcommittee was completely clear in that they could not see how U. S. interests were involved in the Congo and why the U. S. should be further involved. Mr. Helms and Mr. [] dealt with the factual situation including the previous Soviet efforts at establishing a presence there without debating the wisdom of current U. S. actions.

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3. The Subcommittee, as a group, appeared very pleased to have the opportunity to discuss the Congo with [] who had spent five years there []

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